

11/2/11

R1 CAC Meeting of November 2, 2011

FWP Public Meeting Room, Kalispell

Present: Tony Anderson, Lee Brundin, Bernie Cassidy, Don Clark, Mike Corkish, Darrell Coverdell, Roger Diegel, Greg Foley, Kari Gabriel, Chuck Hunt, Ronald Hvizdak, Rick Komenda, Linda Regnier, Richard Randall, Dan Savage, Michael Shepard, Wally Wilkinson, John Dahlberg, Jerry Smalley, Mike Feldman, Steve Hawkins, Paul (? -Tony's brother in law), Jim Satterfield, John Fraley, Jim Williams, Jim Vashro, Dave Landstrom, Todd Garrett, Kristy Personett

Jim Satterfield welcomed members, new and old, and gave a summary of CAC logistics. All members introduced themselves with information about themselves and why they applied for CAC. An expectation of members was reviewed by Jim.

Staff program updates:

- ❖ John Fraley: history of the CAC group and gave away books written by Steve Hawkins to winners of the drawing (Kari Gabriel and Dan Savage). This was part of kudos to Steve who is an original member of CAC from 1996. Each CAC member received a copy of the CAC charter and major points were explained.
- ❖ Jim Williams: bear (black & grizzly) management challenges, general hunting season updates, mule deer survey information, and wolf management & issues. He addressed several questions from members.
- ❖ Jim Vashro: issues include access (including Church Slough), native fish management, mitigation, newly acquired Fishing Access program, fishing regulation changes, hybrid cut-bows in the Flathead drainage, illegal fish introductions, and invasive species. Pine Grove pond has been a success. Lincoln land by Old Steel Bridge has been purchased by CSKT for recreation other than hunting.
- ❖ Todd Garrett: presentation regarding new fishing access sites and improvements to others. Discussed the transfer from Parks into Fisheries and the funding.
- ❖ Dave Landstrom: parks management, snowmobile trails, trails grants, parks visitation hand out and reservations program.

Roundtable (member issues):

- ❖ Randy Richard: slow hunting, will the mountain goat transplant be happening
- ❖ Ron Hvizdak: Tobacco Plains elk hunt going well (TNC doing great job), wolves, elk B tags (reduces opportunity for some hunters, money issue?)
- ❖ Lee Brundin: same issues in Libby, youth hunt is popular
 - *Jim S. asked the members if they had positive or negative feedback on the 2 day early youth deer hunt
- ❖ Bernie Cassidy: wolf season extension questions, grizzly in Yaak spotted - thought it was not documented, parks reservation system – do sites fill up fast?
- ❖ Mike Corkish: early youth deer hunt – success & plans?
- ❖ Mike Shepard: need legislator informational meeting – lack of knowledge of FWP issues amongst candidates/legislators, grizzly hunt possibility, leftover non-resident licenses
- ❖ Tony Anderson: thank you, members will get out of this what they put into it
- ❖ John Dahlberg: parks closed to camping during hunting season. Dave Landstrom addressed, most have been open.
- ❖ Chuck Hunt: notice on grizzly activity should be posted in populated areas (especially those with kids)
- ❖ Don Clark: Forest Service campgrounds, has seen grizzly tracks as late as 12/20, youth hunt means more hunters, older hunters need to remember hunter education training, Lake Koocanusa bull trout

- ❖ Wally Wilkinson: Mack Days info, future meetings have sub-committee for legislator participation
- ❖ Roger Diegel: grizzly hunt – concerned about the affect of not hunting them - safety concern, educate legislators on issues we need addressed and give them contact information for FWP at least 2 months before session
- ❖ Dan Savage: Beaver Lake milfoil – funding & parties involved, people are pleased with Foy's Lake access
- ❖ Rick Komenda: predators, Lost Prairie elk herd
- ❖ Kari Gabriel: Expressed appreciation for being selected for the CAC
- ❖ Linda Regnier: different opinions/interests, trails operations, define legislator participation (feedback)
- ❖ Greg Foley: positive feelings on Parks reservations system, need full sign/reader board on highway at access to Finley Point, fishing on Flathead Lake very good, catch rate of bull trout by pike anglers on Flathead river sloughs is high
- ❖ Jerry Smally: kudos to enforcement for water safety checks on Ashley, Smith Lake docks beneficial, Pine Grove a success
- ❖ Mike Feldman: wolves – population expansion/reduced elk numbers
- ❖ Steve Hawkins: elk are getting smarter
- ❖ Paul (?): from Colorado – interesting to listen to similar issues

Next meeting: December 14th.

Items to discuss: January 7th regulation meeting & legislative issues.